

## Working 4 Utah UDAF Media response policy



In order to accommodate the public's request for information as we shift to the 4-day work schedule, the Utah Department of Agriculture and Food has established the following policy.

Friday's will be viewed as any other weekend day with information available from Public Information Officer Larry Lewis by either cell phone or text messaging. The contact number is 801-514-2152 or <a href="mailto:larrylewis@utah.gov">larrylewis@utah.gov</a>. Larry's backup is Deputy Commissioner, Kyle Stephens: 801-870-0800 or <a href="mailto:kylestephens@utah.gov">kylestephens@utah.gov</a>.

The UDAF building will be closed with no personnel available for interviews or other business. Our Public Information Office will respond to urgent agriculture, or food safety issues. Our office will attempt to make contact with program managers or division directors to aid in the response to such questions. Otherwise we will respond to the best of our ability.

As is the current case on weekends, we will not have access to subject-matter experts or be able to fulfill requests for information and statistics (that are not already available on our Web site: www.ag.utah.gov).

We encourage the news media to incorporate these changes into their weekly planning routine.

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"The world hates change, yet it is the only thing that has brought progress."

Charles Kettering